

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently amended) A method of reducing telephone usage charges billed by a telephone service provider for connecting a source telephone to a target telephone, the method comprising the steps of:

communicating from the source telephone to a computer system the source telephone number of the source telephone, the source telephone number having a telephone billing rate plan providing a discounted rate for incoming calls;

communicating from the source telephone to the computer system ~~the a~~ target telephone number of the a target telephone;

initiating an incoming call back to the source telephone~~completing a connection from the computer system to the source telephone,~~ having disconnected the source telephone from the computer system prior to initiating the incoming call to the source telephone;

after receiving the target telephone number, initiating an incoming call to the target telephone ~~completing a connection from the computer system to the target telephone;~~ and

connecting the source telephone with the target telephone via the computer system to define a telephone call, the source telephone service provider interpreting the source telephone as a receiving telephone for purposes of the telephone call; and

billing the source telephone number at the discount rate for incoming calls for the telephone call.

2. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the source telephone is a cellular telephone, and wherein no minutes are charged for incoming calls, only for outgoing calls.

3. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the source telephone is a mobile telephone, and wherein the target telephone number is communicated from the source telephone to the computer system during the call back.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, ~~wherein the first communicating step comprises completing a telephone call from the source telephone to the computer.~~  
wherein the step of communicating from the source telephone to the computer system a target telephone number of a target telephone includes communicating telephone numbers for a plurality of target telephones;

wherein the step of connecting the source telephone with the target telephone includes connecting the plurality of target telephones with one another and the source telephone; and

wherein each target telephone service provider for each of the respective target telephones and the source telephone service provider for the source telephone interpret their respective telephone on the telephone call as participating in a two-party call, thereby negating any conference telephone call charges.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4~~1~~,  
wherein in the first communicating step of communicating from the source telephone to a computer system the source telephone number includes the steps of:

dialing a computer system telephone number for the computer system from the source telephone,

disconnecting the source telephone after at least two rings of a ring sequence, and

the computer system determining devices the source telephone number of the source telephone from the caller ID information embedded in the a ring sequence of the telephone call from the source telephone;

wherein the step of initiating a call from the computer system to the source telephone comprises the step of the computer system calling back the source telephone using the determined source telephone number; and

wherein the target telephone number is communicated from the source telephone to the computer system during the call back.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 41, wherein the source and the target telephone communicate directly through the computer system~~second communicating step comprises inputting target telephone information in the call completed by the source telephone to the computer.~~

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 41, further comprising the step of eliminating long distance charges associated with common carriers by connecting~~wherein a long distance telephone call between the source telephone with the target telephone using voice over internet protocol (IP) technology, the internet being used as a carrier~~~~second communicating step comprises the substeps of:~~

~~initiating and completing a call from the computer to the source telephone after the source telephone has been identified; and~~

~~receiving target telephone data from the source telephone.~~

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the target telephone information comprises a computer address for stored information.

9. (Canceled) ~~The method of claim 1 wherein:~~

~~communicating to the computer system is made by a telephone call from the source telephone; and~~

~~communicating to the computer system the telephone number of the source telephone is accomplished using an automated caller identification system.~~

10. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein:

~~communicating to the computer system is done by a telephone call from a telephone other than the source telephone~~

wherein an incoming call server of the computer system identifies and records the source telephone telephone number; and

wherein a file server, separate from the incoming call server, receives target telephone data comprising the target telephone number.

11. (Currently amended) The method of claim 10 wherein:

~~communicating to the computer system is done by a computer on a global computer network~~

an outgoing call server, separate from and networked to the incoming call server and the file server, receives the source telephone number from the incoming call server to initiate the incoming call back to the source telephone and receives the target telephone number from the file server to initiate the incoming call to the target telephone.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11,

wherein the step of communicating from the source telephone to the computer system a target telephone number of a target telephones~~second communicating step~~includes information for a plurality of target telephones; and

wherein the step of connecting the source telephone with the target telephone includes connecting the plurality of target telephones with one another and the source telephone.

~~1413.~~ (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~1311~~, wherein the incoming call server, file server, and outgoing call server are connected through a local area network~~completing and connecting steps with the target telephone include connecting the target telephones with one another and the source telephone.~~

1514. (Currently Amended) A method for connecting a source mobile telephone having ~~with a discounted billing rate for incoming calls by a telephone service provider to a target telephone,~~ the method comprising:

initiating a call from the source mobile telephone to a computer system;

indicating to the computer system the telephone number of the source telephone, the source telephone number having a lower billing rate for incoming calls than for outgoing calls such that no minutes are charged for incoming calls, only for outgoing calls;

~~indicating to the computer system the telephone number of the target telephone;~~

disconnecting the call to the computer system;

after disconnecting from the source mobile telephone, the computer system initiating a call back from the computer system to the source mobile telephone;

during the call back, the source mobile telephone indicating to the computer system the telephone number of the target telephone;

after receiving the target telephone number, the computer system initiating a call from the computer system to the target telephone on a separate telephone line from that of the source telephone; and

the computer system conferencing the source mobile telephone and the target telephone, bridging the source and the target telephone lines, to define a telephone call, the telephone service provider interpreting the source mobile telephone as a receiving telephone for purposes of the telephone call; and

billing the source mobile telephone number at the ~~discounted~~ billing rate for incoming calls for the telephone call.

1615. A method for completing a call between a source telephone and a target telephone comprising the steps:

instructing a computer system to connect to the source telephone having a source telephone number, the source telephone number having a telephone billing rate plan providing a discounted rate for incoming calls;

instructing the computer system to connect to the target telephone on a separate telephone line;

instructing the computer system to bridge connect the source telephone to the target telephone to define a telephone call, each respective telephone service provider for the source telephone number and the target telephone number interpreting the telephone call as an incoming call; and

billing at least the source telephone number at the discounted billing rate for incoming calls for the telephone call.

1716. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1615, wherein the source telephone is a cellular telephone, and wherein no minutes are charged for incoming calls, only for outgoing calls.

17. (New) A method of reducing telephone usage charges by a telephone service provider for connecting a source telephone to a target telephone, the method comprising the steps of:

communicating to an incoming call server of a computer system a source telephone number of a source telephone, the source telephone number having a telephone billing rate plan providing a discounted rate for incoming calls;

communicating to the computer system a target telephone number of a target telephone;

initiating a call back from an outgoing call server of the computer system on a first telephone line to the source telephone, the outgoing server separate from and networked to the incoming call server;

after receiving target data comprising a target telephone number, initiating a call from the outgoing call server on a second telephone line to the target telephone;

connecting the source telephone on the first telephone line with the target telephone on the second telephone line via the outgoing server of the computer system to define a telephone call, a source telephone service provider for the source telephone number and a target telephone service provider for the target telephone number each interpreting the telephone call as an incoming call; and

based on the interpretation, the source telephone provider billing the source telephone number at the discount rate for incoming calls for the telephone call.

18. (New) The method of claim 17,

wherein the step of communicating to an incoming call server of a computer system a source telephone number of a source telephone includes the steps of:

dialing a telephone number associated with the incoming file server of the computer system from the source telephone,

disconnecting the source telephone after at least two rings of a ring sequence, and

the incoming call server determining the source telephone number of the source telephone from caller ID information embedded in a ring sequence of the telephone call from the source telephone;

wherein the step of initiating a call back from the computer system to the source telephone comprises the step of the outgoing call server of the computer system calling the source telephone using the determined source telephone number; and

wherein the step of communicating to the computer system a target telephone number of a target telephone includes providing the target telephone number to the computer system during the call back.

19. (New) The method of Claim 18,

wherein the incoming call server of the computer system identifies and records the source telephone telephone number; and

wherein a file server of the computer system, separate from the incoming call server, receives the target telephone data comprising the target telephone number.

20. (New) The method of Claim 19, wherein the outgoing call server, separate from and networked to the incoming call server and the file server, receives the source telephone number from the incoming call server to initiate the incoming call back to the source telephone and receives the target telephone number from the file server during the call back to initiate the incoming call to the target telephone.

21. (New) The method of claim 20, wherein the incoming call server, file server, and outgoing call server are connected through a local area network.



22. (New) The method of claim 17,

wherein the step of communicating from the source telephone to the computer system a target telephone number of a target telephone includes communicating telephone numbers for a plurality of target telephones;

wherein the step of connecting the source telephone with the target telephone includes connecting the plurality of target telephones, each connected to separate telephone lines, with one another and the source telephone line via the outgoing server; and

wherein each target telephone service provider for each of the respective target telephones and the source telephone service provider for the source telephone interpret their respective telephone on the telephone call as participating in a two-party call, thereby negating any conference telephone call charges.